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## **Lane Closures to Begin at Reagan National Airport**

*Construction equipment will operate from areas around garage during expansion project*

Beginning Monday, May 5th, travelers driving to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport from the George Washington Memorial Parkway will experience a reduction in lanes entering the airport. The left lane of the Airport entrance road will be closed adjacent to the parking garage, where an expansion project is underway. The lane closure will continue for the duration of the project and could result in traffic congestion and delays on the Airport during peak travel times.

On the roadway leading to and from Garage parking, the left lane will be closed to traffic. In addition, the "return to airport" traffic coming from the parking garage exits will be rerouted to a new ramp just beyond the existing ramp. Signage will be posted for motorists to follow.

Please see the attached map which shows the traffic pattern changes.

After the lane closures take effect, a construction crane will be set up within the parking garage. The set-up process will temporarily reduce the traffic entering the Airport to one lane. Motorists coming from Washington, D.C. on the southbound George Washington Parkway may use the second Airport exit ramp to Reagan National in order to bypass the garage construction zone.

These lane closures are necessary for the construction project to expand Garages A, B, and C at Reagan National. The project will build a new, fifth level which will bring 1,424 new spaces to the Airport.

This \$54 million parking garage expansion project began in March and is expected to be completed in 2010. A special webpage devoted to the project, including the latest advisories, is posted at [www.mwaa.com/reagan](http://www.mwaa.com/reagan). Throughout the project, the Airports Authority is advising the public to check parking availability before driving to the Airport and keep alert for traffic pattern changes near the garages.

Due to the proximity of construction crews and equipment, a 25-space bicycle rack located at Garage C will be out of service during garage construction. We regret the inconvenience to bicyclists. Alternate bike parking locations are available around the airport and a map is posted at [http://www.mwaa.com/reagan/parking\\_transportation\\_4/bike\\_racks](http://www.mwaa.com/reagan/parking_transportation_4/bike_racks)

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